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Mr. Eric Newman
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**Re: Progress Report -5/4/96 through 5/17/96
Response Action Plan Implementation.
Halby Chemical Superfund Site
Wilmington, DE**

Dear Mr. Newman:

In accordance with Section 8.7 of the Administrative Order for Removal Response Action (EPA Docket No. III-95-55-DC) for the Halby Chemical Site, Witco hereby submits a list of activities conducted from 4 May 1996 through 17 May 1996 and a list of planned activities for the next reporting period.

Activities Conducted During This Reporting Period

1. Treatability Study samples 1 through 5 were analyzed for carbon disulfide and arsenic by Envirotech. Full data packages were received on 9 May 1996.
2. The initial phase of data validation has been conducted on data packages by Langan as the packages have been received. Data validation conducted includes, but is not limited to, checking holding times, MS tune summaries, matrix spikes, surrogate spikes, and method blanks.
3. Validation of all data from the sampling investigation was completed by Trillium and submitted to Langan during this reporting period.

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4. Trillium data validation packages received were reviewed and corrections to data on tables and maps are being made.
5. Preparation of the Response Action Report (RAR) was continued.
6. Treatability testing by Fahrenthold & Associates and ECD continued in the New Mexico laboratory. Progress reports for the Treatability testing will be sent under separate cover. A treatability progress report was transmitted to EPA on 8 May 1996.
7. The DNREC files on neighboring properties to the Halby site were reviewed by Langan on 30 April 1996 and 8 May 1996.
8. An additional contractor was interviewed for future remedial activities on 14 May 1996.
9. An inspection of the site and piles was made on 8 May 1996. The soil piles were adequately covered.

Planned Activities For The Next Reporting Period

1. The initial phase of data validation by Langan continues on any new treatability data that is received.
2. Continue review of data validation packages from Trillium. Tables and maps will be revised accordingly to incorporate data revisions made by Trillium.
3. Preparation of the RAR will continue.
4. Investigation of treatment methods for on-site soils will continue. Contractors will continue to be interviewed for future remedial activities.
5. The Treatability Study by Fahrenthold & Associates will continue.
6. USEPA to notify Witco of meeting status regarding site related wetlands issues. After meeting, wetlands delineation will commence.
7. Continue preparation of waste classification report.
8. Continue to evaluate waste remedial/removal options.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to call.

Very truly yours,

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